

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 1, 2016

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on March 1, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Councilmen Pernisek, Patterson and Glass. Vice-Mayor Campbell was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Kathy Pernisek, Abbey Hudson, William Leone, and David Babbitt.

AGENDA APPROVAL It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to approve the Agenda with the Executive Session moved to the end of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of February 16, 2016. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing of February 16, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #16415-16455, Water Fund #5557-5567, Sewer Fund #7070-7084, Developer's check #1077, payroll checks #15711-15719, #10033 (Water), and (Sewer) 10080-10081. It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

It appears that we will not have deep frost in our roads this year. We anticipate an early softening of the road base and will be posting for the spring thaw as soon as time allows. Our ten-ton weight limits will be implemented Township wide. The Road Crew has begun the process of rehabbing the power-reversing plow that we purchased from Summit Township. The new truck has been moved from the local company that mounted the bed, down to Walsh equipment to have the hydraulics and related equipment installed. It is our hope that we can get this done relatively quickly and get the truck back for springtime operations. Once they receive the plow frame, we can return the truck later for that installation, allowing us to use the truck sooner this year and also permitting the early sale of the 1995 Ford plow truck. We will be preparing the power broom for spring road sweeping and looking at options for subcontractors or other avenues to do the sweeping in the Lakeside area.

The Sewer Department has been taking advantage of the wet weather to begin some in-depth I & I location. March weather should allow even further investigation and hopefully provide some cost effective options to continue this on-going battle. We are well aware that this is a constant battle and one that we must remain diligent. We have a couple areas that will be the primary focus. Council will be kept informed of any discoveries and possible remedies once identified. The Sewer Department is currently operating well, with no major problems.

The Water Department responded to a heavy use situation which was due to the homeowner's sump pump system and another circumstance of cloudy water in a home, which may have been caused internally at the home itself as flushing of nearby hydrants produced a high quality of water.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow had no subdivisions to report but presented the monthly Building Report.

SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the February 16, 2016 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD Meeting postponed.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Vice-Mayor Campbell was absent; Mayor Feikles presented the Minutes of

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the January 28, 2016 Meeting and a memo concerning ECATO membership.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Minutes were unavailable.

VERTERAN PARK COMM. No Meeting.

EMA Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the February 5, 2016 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

RECYCLING UPDATE Manager Anthony informed Council the continuing issues with the Erie County Recycling Program bins located on the Township property. Council's options are to remove the recycling bins permanently or continue cleaning up the messes. Council will consider their options.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Council convened in Executive Session at 7:55 P.M. to discuss litigation concerning a floodplain issue. Council re-convened in regular session at 8:15 P.M.

EVFD LEASE Manager Anthony presented a draft copy of a proposed lease between the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department and Washington Township for the Fire Department's proposed social club. Manager Anthony will send the proposed changes to the Township Solicitor.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 TAX DUPLICATE It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to accept the 2016 Tax Duplicate in the amount of \$328,622.27 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2016 TRIATHLON REQUEST It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to approve the 2016 Triathlon request for use of various Township roads for their event on June 4, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

2016 MATERIALS BIDS Manager Anthony presented the advertisement for the 2016 materials bids for 500 tons of cold patch, 6,000 gallons of unblended plus gasoline, and 15,000 gallons of #2 blended diesel with additive. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to approve bidding said items as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS William Leone addressed Council concerning a proposed towers to be located in the Township's right-of-way for internet service for residents in various locations within Washington Township. Kathy Pernisek addressed Council concerning not receiving the sewer billing with the change of sorting facilities be moved the Pittsburgh when the Post Office closed the Erie sorting facility. David Babbitt of 12790 Route 86 asked about the Township's right-of-way lengths.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:17 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.